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OPEN LETTERS.

A BRYOLOGICAL MEMORIAL MEETING.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, was the home for many years of William S. Sullivant and Leo Lesquereux, two names which will always awaken love and reverence from all students of North American mosses and hepatics. It is twenty-six years since Sullivant died, and this last quarter of the century has seen a marked extension of the limits of bryological study and a large increase in the number of students. It seems a fitting time and place to take a survey of the field, review the past and make plans for the future; hence it is proposed to make the coming meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is to be held at Columbus, August 21-26, the occasion for a Memorial Day in honor of the Nestors in American bryology. It is proposed to present a series of historical papers, illustrated by photographs, specimens, microscopical exhibits, and literature showing the bryological work of Hedwig, Palisot de Beauvois, Michaux, Muhlenberg, Bridel, Torrey, Drummond, Hooker and Wilson, Greville, Sullivant and Lesquereux, James and Watson, Austin, Ravenel, Wolle, Faxon and Eaton. Supplementing these there will be shown collections of specimens, macroscopic and microscopic, illustrating the monographic work of recent American students. If foreign students who have worked on North American bryophytes can be persuaded to cooperate with us, the following will be asked to contribute: Bescherelle, Brothier, Cardot, Dixon, Kindberg, Mitten, Pearson, Röhl, Stephani, and Warnstorf. An effort will be made to secure the loan of type specimens and illustrations from the following sources: Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Academy of Sciences of New York, Columbia University, Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, Harvard University, National Museum, Ohio State University, University of Wisconsin, and Yale University, as well as from private herbaria and collections. It is also requested that any portraits, autograph letters, type specimens, and drawings of special interest, as well as presentation copies of books and pamphlets, be loaned for the occasion. The following committee of organization will gladly answer any questions and give assistance to those wishing to contribute.

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